

## **Youth Gardening Program Citrus Grove Elementary**

As a federated club the Garden Club of Stuart has a set of guidelines that must be followed.

Students are educated on the following:

- Conservation Pledge
- The State Bird, Tree, Wildflower and Butterfly
- National Bird
- The studies identified within the club's Mission Statement

Projects are planned for the students which include the following:

- Importance of pine trees
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Butterflies and Pollinators - Live caterpillars are provided for hatching in the classroom and to be released with good wishes when matured.
- Parts of a flower/plant. Create bookmarks from dried flower and plant materials to take home.
- Floral Designs and flower show entries
- CD fish (water quality)
- National Garden Week
- Garden Tour
- Outdoor planting to enhance the school grounds and grow plants from seeds.

## **THE BASICS**

**EVERY YOUTH GARDENER SHOULD BY THE END OF THE YEAR KNOW  
THESE FEW BASICS:**

- 1. THE CONSERVATION PLEDGE**
- 2. STATE TREE---CABBAGE PALM OR SABLE PALM  
STATE BIRD---MOCKING BIRD  
STATE BUTTERFLY---ZEBRA LONG WING  
STATE FLOWER---ORANGE BLOSSUM  
STATE WILDFLOWER---COREOPSIS LANCEOLATA**
- 3. NATIONAL BIRD---BALD EAGLE**
- 4. HAVE AT LEAST 5 SESSIONS**
- 5. PARTICIPATE IN GARDEN CLUB EVENTS AS FLOWER SHOW**
- 6. LEARN THE BASICS OF PLANT CULTURE & DO SOME PLANTING**
- 7. LEARN ABOUT CONSERVATION & RECYCLING**

Each year The Garden Club of Stuart sends students to Camp Wekiva. Camp Wekiva is a 5star accredited camp and the only one in the country established by a state garden club.